

**In the Specification:**

At Page 1, after the title, insert the following new section:

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This application is a 35 U.S.C. §371 of and claims priority to PCT International Application Number PCT/NZ2004/000130, which was filed 22 JUNE 2004 (22.06.2004), and was published in English which was based on NZ Patent Application No. 526775 which was filed 30 JUNE 2003 (30.06.03) and the teachings of which are incorporated herein by reference.

At Page 2, line 4 through line 13, please replace the two paragraphs with the following amended paragraph:

The flexible openwork structure ~~may be made from a thin plate cut with multiple perforations to give a flexible structure with a large number of apertures. It is important that the edges of the apertures are not sharp, so that they do not cut the sewing thread; laser cutting of the apertures may be used to give acceptably smooth edged apertures.~~

Alternatively, ~~the flexible openwork structure~~ can be made from wire, e. g. by using a knitting type of process or by a weaving process, or by manufacturing chain mail, (i. e. a series of separate interlocked rings of wire), or by using a 'steel wool' type of structure.

At Page 4, line 4, please replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

The above described cuffs 5 and 10, rather than being made of a knitted construction of the type shown in Fig. 4a may instead be made from a woven wire structure (Fig. 4b) or as chainmail, i.e. a series of interlocked rings of wire, as shown in Fig. 4c, or a random "steelwool" type of structure as shown in Fig. 4d. ~~A further possibility is to make the cuffs of a perforated plate as shown in Fig. 4e : this is a thin plate cut with multiple perforations, all the perforations having rounded edges so that they do not cut any sewing sutures. The plate must be thin enough that the resulting perforated plate is flexible.~~